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25X1 There is given below [REDACTED] the aims and purposes
of the BKI (Bloku Kombetar Independent - National Independence Bloc), with
25X1 a list of the most prominent members [REDACTED]

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groups in which the Albanian emigres are organized. If certain of the figures which belong to the BKI frequently accepted, or rather submitted to, diplomatic compromises, they did it because constrained to do so by the Slav peril. The Albanian people, numerically too small to defend itself alone, through the centuries has frequently had to save itself by choosing the lesser of two evils. Today the leaders of the BKI, convinced that the threat of the dissolution of Albania still comes from the East, look confidently to America which alone can assure its existence and peaceful development in a civilized atmosphere.

- "5. There are charges that this political organization includes the last remnants of feudalism and some individuals who, in the recent past, enjoyed an authority reminiscent to the Middle Ages. It is sufficient to glance over the list of the principal leaders of the BKI to perceive that this charge does not hold water, since the number of intellectuals of the BKI exceeds the number of representatives of historic families who, in any case, if they occupy certain posts in the Executive Committee, are fully entitled to do so by virtue of the fact that their culture is equal to their nobility. That the entire group is imbued with a genuine and sincere democratic spirit (along the lines of Western democracy) is demonstrated by the second aim of the BKI in its program, that is, to leave to the free will of the people the solution of the question of the monarchy and of the future organization of the Government.
- "6. The tenacious and heroic resistance against Soviet Communism in Albania from 1944 to date has been almost exclusively the work of the sons, brothers, relatives and followers of the leaders of the BKI.
- "7. The numerous nuclei of anti-Communist Partisans who have taken refuge in the labyrinths of the trackless mountains of Albania recognize as their chiefs some of the best known leaders of the BKI and are ready to go into action on orders from them. However, in order to avoid today fierce and inhuman reprisals against the populations of the villages which provide them with food, these nationalist guerrillas are remaining quite inactive while awaiting the proper time for action. All members of the BKI have some followers in Albania who are languishing in prison and are persecuted as anti-Communists.
- "8. The BKI, although including representatives of the three faiths which exist in Albania, enjoys the esteem and consideration of high figures in the Vatican, particularly because of the well known moderation of its members and because of the calmness which characterizes all its political activities.
- "9. In addition to the President of the BKI, Dr. Ismajl Verlaci, leading
 - a. Gjon Marka Gjoni, the traditional leader of the Albanian Catholics, member of the very old Gjon Markaj family, Princes of the Mirdite and custodians of the Canon of Lek Dukagjini (law of the mountains of Albania); representatives of the Gjon Markaj family were the godsons of Napoleon I and Napoleon III, who sent high officials and gifts to their baptism. The influence of Prince Marka Gjoni on the people of the Mirdite is well known and, it may be said, has greatly increased since the loss of his two sons, Marco and Alexander, who fell after heroic resistance against the Red forces while at the head of their followers, the first in June 1947 and the second in 1949, and who are today a subject of glorification in the popular songs of the mountains.

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- b. Ndue Marka Gjoni, the second son of Gjon Marka Gjoni, who is with him in Rome.
- c. Dr. Ekrem Vlora, a Moslem man of letters, a former Senator, many times Deputy from Vlone, and Minister representing Albania in Athens and London.
- d. Spiro Sheko, from Korce, a member of the Greek Orthodox faith, who belongs to the famous Albanian commercial family which still possesses considerable financial means in Italy, and who gives financial assistance to the BKI.
- e. Professor Ernest Koliqi, a Roman Catholic from Shkoder, poet, author and university professor.
- f. Professor Namik Resuli, a Moslem from Fier, a man of letters and a university professor.
- g. Professor Ndue Paluca, a Roman Catholic from the region of Shkoder and for a long time an important figure in the field of education in Albania.
- h. Professor Karl Gurakuqi, a Roman Catholic from Shkoder, a man of letters and a university professor.
- i. Professor Athanas Gegaj, a Roman Catholic from the Grande Malessia, a man of letters and a historian.
- j. Professor Stefan Gazulli, a Roman Catholic from Zadrina; a brother, who was a priest and the author of an Albanian dictionary, was executed by the Communists.
- k. Agronom (sic) Ago Agaj, a Moslem from the Vlone region and a former Minister.
- l. Vassil Allarupi, a Greek Orthodox Catholic from Korce, and a journalist.
- m. Dr. Eduard Ligo, a Moslem from Korce, a journalist and publisher of "L'Albanie Libre".
- n. Dr. Ali Vrioni, a Moslem, member of the old Vrioni family of Berat, a journalist and a former diplomat.
- o. Dr. Kadri Myfti, a Moslem from Elbasan and a former diplomat.
- p. Tahir Kolgjini, a Moslem from Luma and a former Prefect.
- q. Vehib Runa, an influential Moslem, from Laberia (Gjinokaster).
- r. Nexhmedin Qoraliu, a Moslem from Tirana, related to the Egyptian aristocracy.
- s. Lin Shkreli, a Roman Catholic from Shkoder and president of the Association of Albanian University Professors.
- t. Dr. Gligor Buzi, a Greek Orthodox Catholic from Permet, a journalist and representative of the BKI in the United States.
- u. Enver Resilija, a Moslem notable from the Vlone region.
- v. Pandeli Papalilo, a Greek Orthodox Catholic from Permet and a high official of Public Security.

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- w. Colonel Luigj Gargjola, a Roman Catholic from Shkoder.
- x. Major Safa Vlora, a Moslem from Vlone.
- y. Major Alush Lleshanaku, a Moslem from Elbasan.
- z. Captain Mahmut Cela, a Moslem from Dibra.
- aa. Artillery Captain Gorgji Ruco, a Greek Orthodox Catholic from Kolonje.
- bb. Captain Xhevdet Blloshmi, a Moslem from Elbasan.
- cc. Lt. Mubareq Toptani - a Moslem from Tirana."

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